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Dedicatoria.

Ala Sacra, y Real Majeſtad del Sereniſſimo Rey de la Gran Bretana Carlos Segundo,

SAcro Rey Soberano, y Poderoſo;
aquien Dios coloco Mages tuoſo
Enel trono Real (conlafirmeſa,
de Vuestra Real Corona (y Su grandeſa)
Mageſtad tan Auguſta, y tan benigna,
que es aclamada como tan Divina
Sol Britano que alumbra quanto encierra
Lo felice de toda Ingalaterra.
Monarcha tan dichoſo (enlas acciones)
que todas (per lo Regio) Son blaſones.
Magnanimo Senor; de quien pudiera
Alexandro aprender en Vueſtra Sphera
Exemplo de piedad (con Alma pura)
imitador de Dios (en tal Ventura)
Atlante, a Vueſtros Reynos tan Luſtdos;
que por Vueſtros (del Orbe) Son tenidos.
Glorioſo en Victorias Sobtimadas;
Como Lo diſen tantas celebradas.

CARLOS invicto, que Venera el Mundo;
por Ser CARLOS Segundo, Sin Segundo.
Siendo este nombre poderoso, y Solo,
Su a la bansa de Vnpolo, a otro polo:
A cuyos Reales pies Vmildemente
(o grande Rey de luz Resplandeciente
LLega Submisso; y llega arrodillado
Vn Corason (Senor) todo postrado
Implorando la gracia dela mano
de Vuestra Majestad, Rey Soberano;
Conque podre con onra tan crecida
a mano tan Real dever La Vida
Porque Vos (como Dios) bien podeis darla;
Como de Vmilde polvo llevantarla
Y a esta Suerte entonces my esperansa
tendra mas animosa confiansa
Para postrar a Vuestros pies rendido
este informe Leal de my nacido,
Que Dedica, Consagra my Valia
al amparo de Vuestra Hyerarchia.
Senor, en este Livro Va compuesto
Loque en Vuestra presencia tengo expuesto;
Y por que el Mundo sepa su defensa
Sale en publico oy de exacta ymprensa
A servir; qual espejo, enque se vea
El Vasallo fiel (quando lo sea,
Con temor deque puede Vuestro asero,
por de CARLOS Segundo, ser primero;

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Sin que llege a encontrarlo elmalificio,
quando teneys per Vos a Dios propicio.
Pues este Dios (Senor) enquien seencierra
el Govierno del Cielo, y dela tierra
Que a Israel Liberto de Cauptiverio,
que a Pharao quito' Vida, y Imperio;
Que a Abraham assistio' per tantas Vias;
que a David Socorrio' contra Golias;
Que a Daniel libro' de Los Leones,
y hiso tantos milagros amillones.
Sea el que guarde a Vuestra Real Persona
para Gloria, y honor de su Corona,
Con vida tan Felice. y memorada
que enlargos Siglos Sea dilatada,
Con sucecion dichosa (que es La Gloria)
para Triumphar del tiempo (con victoria;
Con Una pas' tan firme, ytan amable,
que En Vuestros Reynos sea perdurable,
Yassy vendreis a ser Rey Glorioso)
el Monarcha del Mundo mas famoso,
Que es to de quante puede en breue Suma
Dictar la Idea, y escrivir la pluma.

SENOR,

El mas humilde Vasallo de Ueustra Sacra Real Magestad, que besa Sus Reale pies.

Francisco de Faria

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THE Informations OF Francisco de Faria:

Interpreter, &c.

THE Popes of *Rome* ever since the Loss of the *Brittish* Teritories, have alwayes had an eager desire to reduce to their Pontifical Obedience those golden Rivolets, and silver Streams that from thence, were wont to run into the main Ocean of their *Babiloniſh* Treasury. *England* and *Ireland*, were those Fortunate Islands that fed their Lazie, irreligious Monks with Fat of most fruitful Soyles, and cram'd the Papal Coffers with the Spoils of two populous and wealthy Nations. And therefore some of those mock-show Pontiffs imediately made it their business to recover so great a loss by force of Armes, exhorting and animating their Slave the *Spaniard*, to a general Invasion; which proving insuccesful, they have been Clandestinly restless ever since, by mysterious Plots and Contrivances, against the Lives of several Successive Princes, to compass

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that by Fraud and Secret Violence which they could not bring about by open Force.

There is no queſtion to be made, that this late diſmal and horrid Plot, againſt the Life and Government of his moſt ſacred Majeſty now Reigning, was forged in the ſame Mint, and had its riſe from the ſame Diabolical Councels at *Rome*, elſe it would be almoſt impoſſible, that the *Venome* of *papiſtical Influence* ſhould ſpread it ſelf into the *Breſts* of *Forreign* Princes, to undertake the Support of *Rebel Subjects*, plotting againſt their *Native Soveraignes*, to contribute toward the management of ſuch Deſigns, and to Authorize their *Ambaſſadors* to be the double diligent *Solicitors* for the Lives of *Criminals*, condemned by the *Law* of this Land.

So that this *Information* of mine, ſeems to be altogether *new*, as relating to the Perſon of a *publick Forreign Miniſter*, who under the *Covert*, and *Sacred protection* of the *Law* of Nations, rather acted as a *Violator* of that *Law*, than in proſecution of his *publick Duty*.

The evil Practices of this *publick Miniſter*, I am now by *publick Warrant* to make known to the World for *general Satisfaction*, by the name of *Franciſco Faria*, particularly employed in the Service of the ſaid *Ambaſſador*, as ſhall be related in order, by which I came to the *Knowledge* of what I here divulge for *Sacred* and *Undeniable Truth*.

Know then that I *Franciſco de Faria* was born at *Fernambuco* in *Brazile*, a Province of *Southern America*, under the Diminion of the *King* of *Portugal*, in the Year 1653, from whence I was by my Parents brought into *Holland*, in the tender year of my Infancy, and continued there till the year 1662, at what time I came hither into *England* from hence having a deſire to ſee the World, I travelled through the moſt conſiderable Parts of it, and by that means attained to the Knowledge of ſeven or eight *Languages*, returning back from *Flanders* into *England* in the Year 1678, I was preſently admitted into the Service of *Don Gaſper de Abreu*

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de Freitas, then newly arrived at *London*, in the quality of *Ambaſſador* in ordinary from the Crown of *Portugal*, to be aſſiſtant to him as his *Interpreter* and *Secretary of Languages*, in regard he was a Perſon that underſtood no other *Languages* himſelf, than the *Portugeſe*, *Spaniſh*, and *Italian*; In which Capacity, I continued with him, during his Excellencies Stay in *England*; for the Reader is to underſtand, that I had been known to the ſaid *Ambaſſador* formerly, that is to ſay, when I was firſt in *England* fifteen Years before, at what time his *Excellency* was alſo in *England*, but with the Title only of *Envoy* extraordinary from the ſaid Crown, and then was I a great Companion and Friend of *Don Chriſtophoro*, the Envoys Nephew, being a Youth of the ſame Age with my ſelf, and upon that Account familiarly and dayly frequented the ſaid Envoys Houſe. Whereupon, when the ſaid Envoy came again into *England* as *Ambaſſador*, my Father who then reſided here, and was his old *Acquaintance*, went according to his Obligations to kiſs his Excellencies Hand.

Then it was that the *Ambaſſador* enquired of my Father for his Son *Franciſco*, meaning my ſelf, to whom my Father made Anſwer, that I had been a great Travellour, that I was by that means become Maſter of ſeveral Languages, that I had been an Officer in the Prince of *Orange's* Service, and was newly arrived in *England*, thereupon the *Ambaſſador* was very importunate with my Father to ſend for me, as a perſon that he thought might be very uſeful to him.

When I came, the *Ambaſſador* tenderly embraced me as one that was heartily glad to ſee me, and preſently entertained me in the quality before mencioned, by which meanes it will be no wonder, that I ſhould have the Opportunity of being privy to thoſe things of which I here give publick Information, as being Occurrencies that could

could not ſcape my Knowledge, becauſe of the confidence which the *Ambaſſador* repoſed in me, and the neceſſity which he had to converſe and diſcourſe with thoſe that did not underſtand his Language. In this Condition I continued with his *Excellency* all the time of his abode in *England*, which was a Year, or thereabouts. But before his Departure for *Portugal*, which was in *February* 167⅞, I was informed by his *Excellency*, from his own Lips, that there was a certain *Juſtice of the Peace* (whoſe Name I could never learn from him) who was a very great Perſecutor of the *Roman Catholicks*, in the Country where he lived; for which reaſon, there was a *Deſign* laid, to procure his *Death* by *Aſſaſſination*.

After that, the *Ambaſſador* went away, and I heard no more of the Buſineſs till the latter end of *March*, or the beginning of *April*: at what time, being out of Employment, and preparing for new *Travels*, a certain Perſon came to me by the Name of *Wyard*, who took me into *Greyes-Inn-Walks*, and there telling me I had now a fair Opportunity in my Hands to make my ſelf and my Fortunes for ever, made me ſeveral Propoſals for the cudgelling, which indeed imported no leſs than the killing a Nameleſs Gentleman; which notwithſtanding all his Perſwaſions, I abſolutely refuſed, as being an Action that I utterly deteſted and abhorr'd; however, upon ſecond Thoughts, I communicated the ſaid *Wyards* Propoſals to a particular Friend of mine, one *Monſeiur Camas*.

Some fourteen Dayes after it happened that one *John Arnold* Eſq; a Juſtice of the Peace in the Couuty of *Monmouth* who was reported to have been very active againſt the *Papiſts*, was really and *ipſo facto Aſſaſſinated* in *Bell-yard* near *Temple-Bar*. Whereupon the next Day, while the Alarum was hot, my forementioned Friend *Monſeir Camas* came in grear haſt to me, and told me that I muſt undoubtedly

doubtedly be one of the *Bravo's* that had committed the Fact, and therefore adviſed me as a Friend, to take ſpeedy Benefit of his Majeſties *Proclamation*, both as to the Reward and Pardon; but I being altogether innocent of the Crime, by ſeveral Proteſtations, and by giving him a faithful Account where I had ſpent my time all that Day and Night, ſo well cleared my ſelf to my *Friend*, that he remained fully ſatisfyed and convinced of my Sincerity. However, being then reſolved to go for *Flanders* to ſeek Employment, and fearing leſt if *Monſeiur Camas* ſhould make known the *Information* I had given him, in reference to *Wyards* Propoſitions, before I did it my ſelf, I ſhould not only be ſtopped in my Journey, but that worſe might befall me, being ill provided for the *Expences* of a *tedious Impriſonment*, I took the boldneſs to make my addreſſes to the Earl of *Clarendon*, as having formerly had the Honour to wait upon his Lordſhip with my *Ambaſſador*, as Interpreter between them, and gave his Lordſhip a full Account under my Hand; dated the firſt of *May* 1680, being *Saturday* of all that had paſt between the ſaid *Wyard*, *Mounſeiur Camas* and my ſelf, this being done, I begun to think again of my *Journey*, but conſidering better with my ſelf, that it would be more convenient for me to ſtand to my own Juſtification, and upon the perſwaſion of a Gentlewoman to whom I had communicated the whole Affair, who told me, I might as well be knocked o'th Head beyond Sea as here, for what I had already declared to her, ſuſpecting that I might as well declare the ſame to others, as being a Reveng very common among the *Partugueſes*, I altered my Reſolutions and continued in *England*. Upon the *Tryal* of *Giles*, who was after this apprehended for the Aſſaſſination aforeſaid, one Mr. *Nathaniel Cox*, my intimate Acquaintance, told me that he was going to hear the *Tryal* of one *Giles*, who had Aſſaſſinated a very good Friend of his, one Mr. *John Arnold*, a Country Juſtice; I

Answered him, that I had a great Desire to see *Giles*, for that I supposed, I could do the said Mr. *Arnold* a considerable kindness, upon which Mr. *Cox* carried me to wait upon Mr. *Arnold*, to whom I gave an exact Description of the said *Wyard*, which after I had finished, Mr. *Arnold* told me that he had a very strong Suspicion of a Person exareamly like to him whom I had so described, but his Name was not *Wyard*. Thereupon I went and viewed the said *Giles* my self, but did not remember I had ever seen him before, however, Mr. *Arnold* desired me to repair to some Justice of the Peace, and give him an Account in Writing upon Oath, what I knew concerning the said *Wyard*. Whereupon I made the following Deposition before Sr. *Phillip Matthews*.

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The Information of Franciſco de Faria *of St* Giles *in the Fields* Gent. *Taken upon Oath before Sir* Phillip Matthews, *Baronet, One of His* Majeſties *Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, Aſſigned this Fifteenth day of* July, 1680. Com. midd.

THis Informant on his Oath ſaith, that about the latter end of *March*, or the beginning of *April* laſt paſt, a Gentleman who called himſelf Mr. *Wyard*, came to this Informant at *Will's* Coffe-Houſe in *Covent-Garden* and ſpake very kindly to this Informant and deſired this Informant to go to a Tavern & drink a glaſs of Wine with him: which this Informant conſented unto, and went out of the Coffee-Houſe with him, and deſired him to go to the *Roſe*-Tavern in *Bridges-Street*: but he deſired to go farther. At the *Horſe-Shoe* Tavern this Informant deſired the ſaid *Wyard* to go in thither; But he there deſired to go farther, and ſo drilled this Informant on into *Grays-Inn* Walks: Which this Informant conſented to. And in Diſcourſe he there told this Informant, that this Informant had his Fortune in his hand. This Informant ask'd him, In What? The ſaid *Wyard* replied, He knew my wants: If you will but Cudgel a man, you ſhall have 200 *l.* One Hundred in hand, and the other Hundred when the Work of Buſi-

Buſineſs is done. To which this Informant replied, That that might be done by a Porter for a Shilling. To which the ſaid *Wyard* replied, You may believe, by the ſum that is offered, that there is ſome thing more to be done beſides Cudgelling. And when you have done, you ſhall have a better Reward.

To which this Informant replied, He ſcorned ſuch unworthy and baſe Propoſals; and utterly refuſed to treat with him about it. Then the ſaid *Wyard* deſired this Informant to go and ſpeak with the Lord *Powis* in the *Tower*. To which this Informant anſwered, That he had no buſineſs with the Lord *Powis*, nor the Lord *Powis* any with him, as he knew of. Who then ſhewed this Informant a letter from the Lord *Powis* to this Informant: which Letter was to this effect.

Mr. de Faria, *Come to me to the* Tower, *and ſpeak with me: but let no body know who you are.*

The ſaid Mr. *Wyard*, when he found this Informant utterly refuſed to go to the Lord *Powis*, or to treat in the ſaid buſineſs any farther, the ſaid *Wyard* then told this Informant, He would meet this Informant in the ſame place on the morrow; and would then bring this Informant a Letter from a Perſon of Quality, whoſe hand this Informant did well know: and that this Informant had Papers then in his pocket, under the ſaid Perſons hand. And on the morrow the ſaid *Wyard* did meet this Informant in the ſaid place, and then ſhewed him a Letter writ in the *Portugueze* Language, which contained theſe words, being into *Engliſh* Tranſlated.

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Do what this Man *bids you, for it ſhall be well done. Subſcribed,*

Gaſper de Abreu

de Freitas.

And this Informant farther ſayeth, That he knew the Hand, and did compare it with ſome Papers he had then in his Pocket, ſigned by the ſame Hand. But notwithſtanding the ſaid Letter, this Informant utterly refuſed to treat about the ſaid Buſineſs any farther.

The ſaid *Wyard* then deſired this Informant to meet him the next Day again, and took his leave. And this Informant being deſirous to know who the ſaid *Wyard* was, and where he lay, followed the ſaid *Wyard* down *Chancery-Lane*, and into *Curſitors Alley*, and into ſeveral turnings, but loſt ſight of him. And the next day this Informant went to the ſame place, to meet the ſaid *Wyard*, but the ſaid *Wyard* came not; nor could this Informant ever ſince find the ſaid *Wyard*, or hear of him, though he had made a great and general Enquiry after him: But ſaith, He could know him again if he could ſee him. And farther, this Informant ſayeth, That he the ſame day declared unto one Monſieur *Camas*, that he was offered 200 *l.* to Cudgel a Man. And alſo ſaith, That being apprehenſive that he might be called in Queſtion after Mr. *Arnold* was aſſaulted the ſaid Monſeiur *Camas* having charged him with it and with receiving of the ſame 200 *l.* This Informant went to the Right Honourable the Earl of *Clarendon*, about the firſt day of *May*, and deſired his Honour to take his Information in Writing, (this Informant being to go into

Flanders) which the ſaid Earl did; and this Informant ſet his Hand to it. And farther at preſent ſayeth not.

Signed, *Franciſco de Faria.*

Jurat coram me,
Phillip Mathews,
15 July 1680.

This firſt Information only was ſworn before Sir *Phillip Mathews.*

Franciſco de Faria

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THE INFORMATION OF *FRANCISCO DE FARIA*,

Born in America, *Son of* John de Faria, *of St.* Giles *in the Fields, Gent. Taken upon Oath before* Sir Edmond Warcupp *Esquire, one of his Majesties Justices of Peace in the said County and City, in presence of* John Arnold *Esquire, by Command of the Right Honorable the Lords Committees, for Discovery of the late Popish Plot.* 26. *Octob.* 1680.

THis Informant saith, that being a Limner in *Antwerp* in *Flanders*, in the year 1675, by the Perswasion of three of the Sisters of Sir *George Wakeman*, then in the Nunnery of St. *Teresia*, and of Father *Worsely* a Jesuit, he became a *Roman Catholick*, and often communicated at his hand. And the said *Worsely* then perswaded this Informant to come into *England*, and he would make this Informant happy, and then gave this Informant 35 Pistels in Gold, to bear this Informants Charges for *England*. But this Informant did not immediately follow him to *England*, but took up Arms, and was Captain Lieutenant under Colonel *Montgomery*, in the Prince of *Orange's* Service

vice, where he practiſed to make and throw hand-Granadoes, and grew to ſome Note for that Service; and in the Year 1678, this Informant being in *England*, and well verſed in ſeven or eight Languages, was preferred to be Interpreter and Secretary of Languages to *Gaſper de Abreu de Freitas*, Ambaſſador in Ordinary from the Prince of *Portugal* to the King of *England*. To which Ambaſſador this Informant had been known for many Years before, and the ſaid Ambaſſador among other things, acquainted this Informant, that *Don Franciſco de Melos*, the late Ambaſſador that died here, was much out of Favour with the Prince of *Portugal*, for that he had indiſcreetly puſhed on the Promotion of the Catholick Religion before a due time, and had Cauſed ſeveral Popiſh Books to be printed in *England*, which had given too great an alarm, with many other things relating to the Popiſh Religion, which he greatly condemned him for, and the ſaid Ambaſſador to indear this Informant, did often give him Mony, and intruſt him in Affairs of the greateſt Moment, and carried this Informant with him, to all or moſt of the great Miniſters of State in *England*, uſing him for his Interpreter; and employing this Informant to reſort to ſeveral Perſons for an account of the Orders and Paſſages in the Kings Council, of all which the ſaid Ambaſſador uſually had an account within an hour after the riſing of the Council, or any Committees. And the ſaid Ambaſſador, much about the time of the Tryal of the five Jeſuits, expreſſing a great Sorrow for the Oppreſſion of the Catholicks, did with that *Oats* and *Bedlow* were made away; and then commanded this Informant to go to Maſs and Confeſſion, and then told this Informant, that he might do the Catholick Cauſe great Service, and might make his own Fortune, if he would join in deſtroying *Oats* and *Bedlow*, and that 50000 *Reales d'ocio* ſhould be given for that Service, and that two ſufficient men ſhould joyn with this Informant

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for the killing of *Oats* and *Bedlow*; But the ſaid *Bedlow* being about that time in *Ireland*, the ſaid Murder was deferred, and a report being ſpread, that *Bedlow* was dead in *Ireland*, the ſaid Lord Ambaſſador ſaid to this Informant, What a Fool were you, had you killed him, you had gained that Money which I promiſed: But afterwards underſtanding that *Bedlow* was not dead, the ſaid Ambaſſador renewed his Solicitations to this Informant to proſecute the Death of *Oats* and *Bedlow*, aſſuring this Informant, that he would make good his Promiſe of the ſaid Sum of Money to them which ſhould kill them; That he would beſides, pay this Informants Debts, and take this Informant with him into *Portugal*. Upon which Diſcourſe, this Informant took the boldneſs to tell the Ambaſſador, That the Death of *Godfrey* had done much hurt to the Catholick Intereſt, and he much feared, that the Death of *Oats* and *Bedlow* would bring greater hurt. To which the Ambaſſador replyed, he feared not that; and if *Oats* and *Bedlow* and *Shaftsbury* were out of the way, the Parliament might come when they pleaſe. whereupon this Informant asked, How ſhall *Shaftsbury be killed*? He replyed, the Lord *Shaftsbury* goes often into the Country, and I know you are excellent at hand-Granadoes, you ſhall throw one of them into *Shaftsbury's* Coach, which will deſtroy all that are in the Coach upon the breaking, and you and your Companions ſhall have Fire-Arms to kill, if the other do not full Execution. And the Ambaſſador added, that he had provided two other Perſons, Men of Honour, to joyn with this Informant in that Service, but named them not, nor the Reward that was promiſed to be given for it; and then ordered this Informant to provide a Man who could ſpeak *French* and *Dutch* to, to carry a Letter into *Flanders*; Whereupon this Informant applyed himſelf to one *Salter*, who keeps a Sempſters Shop in *Drury-Lane*, to carry the Letter: Who ſaying he could

could not go, becauſe he had Horſes lame; which this Informant's Servant obſerving, ſaid, Sir, if you pleaſe, my Husband ſhall go; but this Informant refuſed him, as not ſpeaking *French* nor acquainted with the Countrey. And this Informant did (according to the Ambaſſador's Order) offer the ſaid *Salter* 10 *l.* to undertake the *Journey*, becauſe he was acquainted with the Countrey, *&c.*

February laſt paſt, the ſaid Ambaſſador left *England*, and returned to *Portugal*, leaving this Informant on a ſudden with very little Money, after his many Promiſes to take this Informant with him into *Portugal*, and to get the Prince to provide plentifully for him in *Portugal*. Upon which this Informant recollecting the ſaid former Paſſages, and fearing leſt he ſhould be accuſed, though Innocant, went to his own Father, declaring the Offers made to this Informant for the killing the Perſons aforeſaid; but his Father and Mother adviſed him to throw Aſhes upon it, for none that have diſcovered are ſecure becauſe ſome are of one Mind and ſome of another; and this Informant then left a Note with his Mother, ſignifying that if this Informant were killed, it muſt be by the *Portugals*, and he would lay his Death to them, becauſe of the Paſſages aforeſaid, and did the like with Mrs. *Mary Sears*, who finding this Informant in a very diſturbed Condition, obſerving that in his Frenzy Fits he ſpoke of the Death of *Oats*, *Bedlow*, and *Shaftsbury*; ſo far prevailed with this Informant, when out of his Frenzy Fits, as to make him relate the whole Story to her, who then perſwaded this Informant to keep all ſecret, leſt he brought himſelf into Troubles. But this Informant hearing about the 16th of *April* laſt, That a certain Gentleman of note was wounded almoſt to death, did recollect that one *Wyard* had tempted him to Baſtmado ſuch a kind of Perſon, which this Informant had before, *viz.*

In the beginning of *March*, told unto the ſaid Mrs. *Mary*

Mary Scarr, for an account whereof this Informant refers himself to his Information taken before Sir *Phillip Mathews*, a Copy whereof this Informant delivered this day to the ſaid Committee of Lords: And this Informant did alſo repair about the firſt of *May* laſt to the Earl of *Clarendon*, and in writing gave the ſaid Earl under his hand, a paper containing the matter about the Wounding the ſaid Gentleman, and hopes the ſaid Earl will produce the ſaid Paper, to which this Informant refers. To which this Informant added by Word of Mouth, That the Earl of *Shaftsbury* was in danger of his Life: to which Earl this Informant repaired, becauſe he was going into *Flanders*, and fearing he might be accuſed for the wounding of the ſaid Gentleman, during his abſence, deſired that that Writing delivered to the Earl of *Clarendon* might clear his Innocency; and this Informant further ſayeth, that the Lady *Abergavenny* ſent for this Informant into *Lincolns-Inn-Fields*, this laſt Summer was a twelve month; and then told this Informant, the Lord *Powis* would ſpeak with him in the *Tower*: To which this Informant anſwered, he would; but acquainted the ſaid Ambaſſador therewith, His Excellency forbid him to go: wherewith this Informant alſo acquainted the ſaid Earl of *Clarendon*, who ſeemed to know the Lady *Abergavenny*, ſaying, ſhe was his Neighbour; and he farther ſayeth, that a certain Perſon came to the Ambaſſador, and in the Informant's Preſence told the Ambaſſador, that one *Roberts*, Porter to the Water-Gate at *Somerſet Houſe*, was apprehended, upon which this Informant obſerved the *Ambaſſador* to look very pale, and thereupon asked the Ambaſſador, My Lord, is he concerned in this Buſineſs with me? to which the Ambaſſador replyed, He is a Man of Courage, and will undertake any thing.

And in *May* laſt, this Informants's Brother, *Abraham de David* coming to *London*, this Informant told the Ambaſſa-

dor of it; Who asked if he were a Catholick: and being answered thereto, his Excellency asked if he were a Man of Courage. Whereunto this Informant replyed We are all well born and bred. And his Lordship replyed, I would have him in this affair with us, were I sure of him: and commanded this Informant to send him to him. And this Informant told his said Brother, that the Ambassador would speak with him. But this Informant was not with him when he went to the Ambassador, nor knoweth, what passed betwen them. And this Informant further saith, That upon the day of Sir *George Wakeman's* Trial, the Ambassador sent him in his Coach to wait upon the Lord Chief Justice *Scroggs*, and sent up VVord by one of his Gentlemen, That one from the *Portugal* Ambassador vvould speake vvith him. The Servant brought answver, That he could not see the Ambassador that day, because he should be engaged upon the Trial of Sir *Gorge Wakeman* all the day. Which the Ambassador being acquainted vvith, his Lord ship sent this Informant to hear the Trial. And this Informant stood by Sir *George* all the Trial and gave him vvhite Paper to vvrit upon: and employed one Mr. *Cooper* a Scrivener in *Drury-Lane* to take in writing the Trial, and gave him 20 s. for his pains: which this Informant delivered to the Ambassador; who immediatly sent it to the Queen, then at *Windsor*: vvith vvhich and a Letter, this Informant should have gone to *Windsor*, had he not been very weary. And that same Night this Informant vvas sent to Sir *George Wakemans* in *St. Martins-Lane*, to complement him on the Ambassadors part: but he vvas not then come to his Lodging in *St. Martins-Lane*. So this Informant vvent next Morning, and found him in Bed vvith his Wife, and (as this Informant vvas commanded) told him from the Ambassador, That his Fortune and Estate vvas at his Service, and so vvas his Princes; and the Prayers of the good *Catholicks* have

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prevailed for your delivery; and we are all bound to Sir. *Philip Loyd* for his Generosity to you at the *Trial*; and we are all bound to pray for him Whereunto Sir. *George Wakeman* replied, If it had not been for him, I had not been saved: and so we are all bound to pray for him. And I pray return my Lord many thanks for his Offers: and that he would wait on his Excellency that very day, to give him thanks for his Favours: but that he must first go to *Windsor*, to wait on the Queen: but at his Return he would wait on his Excellency. And Sir *George* then took this Informant by the hand, and said, I am sorry, Mr. *Faria*, that I had not the happiness to speak with you before; For I am Informed what a Man you are; and that you could do great Service for the Catholicks: But alas! it is now too late. Thence this Informant went again, by Order, to the Lord Chief Justice *Scroggs*, to know when my Lord Ambassador should Visit him. The Lord *Scroggs* answered, That the Ambassador would do him great Honour to Visit him, but he was that day to go out of Town by One of the Clock. Wherewith the Ambassador being acquainted, he went about Twelve, in his Sedan, with a Coach of State wherein this Informant was, to the Lord *Scroggs's* in *Chancery-Lane*. The Complement was, in *Portugueze* (and this Informant Interpreted) to this effect: My Lord I come to Visit you as you are a Minister of State; and am sent as Ambassador from the Prince of *Portugal* to the King of *Great Britain*, and am directed to Visit you; and am likewise to thank you for the Justice you have done Yesterday to Sir. *George Wakeman*. To which the Lord *Scroggs* answered, I am placed to do Justice,

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and will not be curbed by the Vulgar: and so I thank your Prince, and your self for the great Honour you have done me. And his Informant farther saith, That a *Portugueze* came to him, when the Earl of *Ossory* was to go for *Tangier*, offering this Informant, that he might go with the said Earl, as his Interpreter, and should have 300 *l. per Annum* for his pains. But this Informant reflecting, That the Sum offered was too big for that Service believed this was a Snare to take away his Life. The same *Portugueze* afterwards offered him to go for *Flanders* where *Monsieur Fonset* might prefer him to the Prince of *Parma*. But he looked upon that as a Snare also, and therefore refused. And this Informant saith, that about six Months ago he was assaulted by two unknown Persons with their Swords drawn, but he happily escaped from them. And further sayeth not.

Francisco de Faria.

Colonel Warcupp having taken this Information, carryed me a second time to the Lords of the Committee, before whom, I again attested and Justified upon Oath, what I had Sworn before the *Justice of Peace*; the Lords also observing what I had said concerning Mr. *Sclater* and Mrs. *Seare*, Commanded the *Colonel* to take the Examinations likewise, which was accordingly done next day, and the Depositions carryed up to the Lords, who found them agreeable to my Information, and this was to all Confirmation of the Truth of what I had Sworn, the Depositions Coppied from the Originals in the Hands of the Clerk of the Lords House, are these that follow.

The INFORMATION *of* Richard Salter *of St.* Clement Danes, Milliner, *taken this* 27th. *of* October 1680. *before me* Edmund Warcupp, *Esquire, one of his* Majesties *Justices of the Peace in the said County and City, by the Command of the Lords Committee of Examination of the late Popish Plot.* *Midd.* and *Westr.*

THis Informant sayeth, that *Francisco de Faria*, was as this Informant heard, Interpreter to the *Portugal Ambassador*, about *February last past*, at which time he asked this Informant, whether he would carry a Letter into *Flanders*, whereunto this Informant replyed he would send a Letter by the Post, but Mr. *Faria* answered, he must send it by a Messenger expres, and himself was suddenly to follow after it; and he choose this Informant to carry the Letter, because this Informant knew the Country, having been there before, and could also speak the Language. And he proffered this Informant ten Pounds for the Voyage, but this Informant refused to go, because he had three Horses upon his Hand, and one of them was lame; but Mr. *Faria* seemed unsatisfyed with this Informants denyal, and added many Prayers and Importunities to his Proffer of the ten Pound, but could not prevail, and this Informant well remembers that he saw the said Mr. *Faria* in some kind of Frensical and Melancholy Fitts, and shrew himself upon the Floor, about the Month of *March* last past, and this Informant helped to hold him up, and further sayeth not.

Richard Salter.

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coram me, Edmond Warcupp.

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The INFORMATION of Mrs. Mary Scales, *taken upon Oath, the Day aforementioned, by the Command of the said Lords Committee.*

THis Informant sayeth, That *Monsieur Francisco* de *Faria*, about the Months of *February* and *March* last past, came several times to his Lodgings very Melancholly and disturbed, and sometimes was in Frenzical Fitts, and in his Sleep and Frenzy would often cry out upon Murderers, and did sometimes call out, naming *Oats* and *Bedlow*, and sometimes the Ambassador, and once cryed, pitty my youthfull Dayes my Lord, which Disturbance this Informant observing, did at length prevail with him to tell her what the Matter was, and he then told her, there was a Design to kill *Oats* and *Bedlow* and *Shaftsbury* and a Country Gentleman, but who it was he could not tell, whereupon this Informant told him, there was a great deal of danger in knowing of it, and this Informant then perswaded him to say nothing of it, lest he fell into Danger, and if he should discover it, he should get no Credit by it, but would be looked upon as a Knave: as *Oats* and *Bedlow* were by the Company this Informant kept Company with, and this Informant did really fear he would come by some Mischief, when ever he went abroad, and therefore desired him when ever he stayed out late, to send this Informant word where he was, which he usually did, and he charged this Informant, to declare if he came by any Mischance, it came from the *Portugal* Ambassador or some that belonged to him, and this Informant saith, that the said *Faria* told her, that he would go that Day to the Earl of *Clarendon*, and had told him

him of ſome Buſineſs, whereupon this Informant asked him who the *Earl* of *Clarendon* was, and he anſwered a very honeſt Gentleman, and one of the Parliament, and no notice being taken of it afterwards, this Informant did admire at the reaſon of it, and ſhe further ſaith, that he told her at another time, that he was to go with the *Earl* of *Oſſory* to *Tangier*, and was to have three hundred pound a Year, and another time he told this Informant that he had another Offer to go for *Flanders* and complained to this Informant, that ſhe hindered him from going, but this Informant anſwered, 'twas not in reſpect to her, that he did not go, but becauſe he was afraid of his own Life, and ſhe heard the ſaid *Faria* often ſay, what unconveniences a man may be drawn into, and yet be Innocent, And this Informant well remembers that he did once perſwade Mr. *Salter* to carry a Letter, but whether it was to carry a Letter to *Flanders*, or carry a Letter for him when he was in *Flanders*, ſhe cannot well remember: But ſhe ſayes that *Salter* refuſed to go becauſe his Horſe was lame, but had his Horſe been well, he would have hired one to look to him, but being lame he would be ſpoiled before he returned. And one Mrs. *Rogers* being preſent, offered that her Husband ſhould go if he pleaſed, but Mr. *Faria* refuſed him, ſaying, he knew not the Language nor the Country, and none was ſo fit as Mr. *Salter*, whereupon this Informant perſwaded Mr. *Salters* Wife to prevail with her Husband to go, but ſhe refuſed to let him go, and further ſayeth not.

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Jurat Die & Anno ſupra dictum,

Mary Seares.

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As to the Lady *Abergavenny* mentioned in my Information, I have this to add further, that I do very well remember, that at the time when the five Jeſuits were to be hanged, drawn and quartered, the ſaid Lady came to the Portugal Ambaſſador, and made a moſt dreadful Complaint to his Excellency, to this Effect, how that we were all ruined, if the ſaid five Jeſuits ſhould ſuffer, for to be ſure that the next man that ſhould die would be Sir *George Wakeman*, in regard the five Jeſuits were condemned upon the ſame Fact, that Sir *George Wakeman* was guilty of, therefore I deſire your Lordſhip by all means to ſee if your Lordſhip can find any way to prevent the Death of thoſe *Jeſuits*.

Upon which my Lord made anſwer to the ſaid Lady, that he could not Imagine or Find out any way to ſave their Lives, but that they muſt die, for ſaid he, we have uſed all our Endeavours, and made all the Intereſt vve can, and it vvill not be granted.

Then the ſaid Lady made anſvver to my Lord, that then Sir. *George Wakeman* vvould have his Tryal, and vvould be condemned and ſuffer, and then all our Plot vvill be diſcovered.

My Lord made anſwer in theſe vvords, No *Madam*, vve vvill ſeek to prevent his Death by ſome Friend that vve ſhall make.

Upon vvhich my Lady *Abergavenny* took her leave of my Lord: I *Franciſco de Faria* vvas Interpreter betvveen them both.

Thus far I have followed the Series of Relation without interruption, as being Occurances that happend and depended one upon another.

I am now to repeat ſome paſſages which as they come to my Knowledge upon Various occaſions, and at Several

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times, require not to be ſo punctually diſpoſed in order as being compleat within themſelves.

In *January* or *Febuary* 167$\frac{8}{9}$. A Letter vvas ſent into *Portugal* by a *Capuchin*, belonging to the Queens Chappel at *Somerſet-Houſe*, call'd by the name of *Paulenio*, to a Friend of his at *Liſbon*, the Letter Containd Words to this Effect.

Our affaires are very well in *London*, vvhere I hope in a little time there vvill be a great alteration, and our buſineſs vvill be at an end in a ſhort time, ſo that I hope this place vvill all become *Catholicks*.

The Gentleman that recived the Letter in *Liſbon*, ſhewed it to a Friend of his that vvas an *Engliſh Man*, vvho by that time had intelligence of the Diſcovery of the Plot in *England*, that Gentle-Man vvrites over immediately from *Portugal* to a Friend of his in *London* vvhat he had heard by a Letter from a *Capuchin* of *Somerſet-Houſe*, upon vvhich the ſaid Gentleman vvent to the King and Counſel; and declared vvhat *Newes* his Friend had ſent him out of *Portugal*: preſently the King and Counſel cauſed the Queens *Confeſſor* to be called, and to be Examined, vvho at that time denyed all, proteſted his Innocency, that he never vvrote any ſuch Letter, vvhereupon the King and Counſel diſcharged him, but that very Night there vvas private Intelligence given to the ſaid Father *Paulenio* upon vvhich he Immediately made his Eſcape for *Flanders*, vvhere he ſtaid till the *Portugal* Ambaſſador arrived in the *Downs* in his paſſage homevvards, vvhom he then met and Embarqued vvith him for *Portugal*, in the *Ruby* Frigat, under the Command of Captain *Allum*.

And novv that the World may ſee, hovv this *Popiſh* Plot vvas carryed one by General *Contributions* and Collected *Maintenances*, either out of *Devotion* or *Fear*, I vvill add one *Certainty* more, vvhich is this, that vvhile I vvas *Employed* in the *ſervice* of the ſaid *Ambaſſador*, I vvas intruſted

ed among other things, to pay to Mr. *Anderſon*, *Alias Munſon*, a Secular *Prieſt*, then a Priſoner in the *Kings Bench* upon the account of the Plot, fifty Shillings a Month, which money I Conſtantly paid to his Siſter, Mrs. *Barbara Tempeſt*, Living in *Holborn* near the *Kings Gate*, during the whole time of the Ambaſſadors Reſidence in *England*. One day I took the boldneſs to ask his Excellency why he gave that Allowance to the ſaid *Monſon*, to which he was pleaſed to anſwer, becauſe he had been his *Chaplaine* fifteen Years before, when he was but *Envoy Extraordinary* to the King of *England* from the King of *Portugal*, to which when I replyed, that I ſuppoſed his Excellency did not allow it him for that reaſon only, but that I belived he was concerned in the Plot, his Excellency returned this Anſwer, why *Francis* do you think that if you were taken upon Suſpicion, that I and all of us were not bound to aſſiſt you with our Lives and Fortunes, as we do particularly this Mr. *Munſon*, and all others in his Condition, leſt they ſhould diſcover the Plot? And at the ſame time among the reſt of the Contributors, his Excellency named the Lady *Penalua*, Siſter to *Don Franciſo de Melo*, who died Ambaſſador in Ordinary in *England*, in the Year 1678.

A certain Sign that the Ambaſſador was deeply concerned, who was ſo profuſe of his Life and Fortune, to Strangers in a *Forreign Country*, where if it had been otherwiſe neither his Life nor his Fortune had been in the leaſt danger or Jeopardy.

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The further INFORMATION *of* Francis-co de Faria *upon Oath before me* Edmund Warcupp *Esq; one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace in the said County and City, this Day of* December, 1680. *Mid. and West.*

THis Informant being duely Sworn and Examined, saith, that in the Month of *July* 1679, when Sir *George Wakeman* Baronet, *William Marshal* and *William Rumley*, Gentlemen, and *James Corker* the Priest were Tryed in the *Old Bayly*, he employed one Mr. *Cooper* by Order of his Master *Gasper de Abreu de Frietas*, Ambassador in Ordinary from the Crown of *Portugal*, to take in Writing the said Tryals, which he did; and the said Trials were transcribed, and afterwards read and interpreted unto the said Ambassador, who seemed to be exceedingly displeased with Mr. *Marshal* for so over-doing his Defence, in regard said he, the said Mr. *Marshal* was well assured before hand, he should not be Condemn'd, and in these long Speeches, said he, he hath too much reflected on the Innocency of them that had already Suffered, and took too much Notice of the Blood already shed, by which he endanger'd the spoiling of the whole Business, by exasperating the Court and Jury against them all.

That some time after the said Trials, there was a report about the Court and City, that Articles were coming out against the Lord Chief Justice *Scrogges*, upon which the said Ambassador told this Informant, he would give fifty Guinneys to have a Copy of them before they were made publick.

That some time before, the Ambassador acquainted this Informant, that he intended to send to *Portugal* for his

Lady, and that this Informant ſhould be her Gentleman Uſher, and alſo continue in his preſent Capacity of *Secretary* and *Interpreter*.

That the ſaid Ambaſſador did in order thereto furniſh his Houſe, and one Day, being very intent upon Work Men, who were putting up ſome *Tapeſtry Hangings*, a very large Pacquet of Letters was brought his Excellency by Doctor *Mendex*, one of the Queens Majeſties Phyſitians, which he had no ſooner read, but he acquainted this Informant, that he muſt forthwith go for *Portugal*, to which this Informant anſwered, that he much wondred at it, and was not a little ſurpriſed to hear it, eſpecially, in regard that his Excellency being Ambaſſador in Ordinary, muſt then leave the Ambaſſadage Extraordinary behind him, a thing unuſual. But his Excellency anſwered this Informant, that he muſt go, and that immediately, and would leave Orders to ſell his Coach and Horſes, and other things after he was gone. This Informant ſtill preſſing the Reaſons of ſo ſudden a Departure, was by the ſaid Ambaſſador anſwered, that otherwiſe he thought he ſhould be called before the King and Counſel, upon the Lord *Scroggs* his account, and added, *Francis*, you muſt then go alſo, but I charge you not to ſay, that you went to the ſaid Lord *Scroggs* from me, that *Fryday* on which Sir *George Wakeman* was Tried, but that you went on your own head, and that you went to him from me on the *Saturday* after only, for God above knows, what we do is for the *Catholick Cauſe*, and that God below (pointing to his Chappel, which was under his Chamber, in which we then were) will pardon us, and juſtify us in what we do. At which time there being a rumour that the Earl of *Offory* was to go for *Madrid*, to complement that King upon his Marriage, and that he would Embarque for *Liſbon*, and go thence by Land to *Madrid*, the Ambaſſador ſaid he would go with him.

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But he then again further charged this Informant to ſay, if he ſhould happen to be examined before the Council, that the Ambaſſador ſent him, and went himſelf to the Lord Chief Juſtice *Scroggs* by a Miſtake, as looking on him to be a publick Miniſter of State. Whereupon this Informant having alwayes great Freedom of Diſcourſe with the ſaid Ambaſſador, asked his Lordſhip his reaſons, and why his Lordſhip did direct him to ſay in that manner touching the Lord Chief Juſtice *Scroggs*, and his Lordſhip thereupon anſwered him in the *Portugueſe* Language with a Proverb of that Countrey, in theſe words, *Chen es muy curioſo, novive muto*, which in *Engliſh* is, *He that is overcurious never liveth long*. Whereupon this Informant thought fit to forbear any further Queſtions in that Matter, promiſing to obey his Lordſhips Command about the ſaid Lord Chief Juſtice *Scroggs*.

And this Informant ſaith, that he well remembers, that this Diſcourſe was on the laſt Lord Mayors Day was twelve Months.

And this Informant ſaith, that at the time when his Majeſty was ill at *Windſor*, this Informant being in Diſcourſe with the ſaid Ambaſſador, did ask his Lordſhip what ſhould be done with the Queen in Caſe his Majeſty ſhould then die, which God forbid he ſhould, who anſwered, that ſo ſoon as his Majeſties Eyes were cloſed, the Marqueſs de *Aronches* Extraordinary Ambaſſador, or elſe himſelf would immediately go with her Majeſty to *Calais*, and her Majeſty being by one of them thus ſecured, the other ſhould ſtay here, and then *England* ſhould be treated with, to reſtore *Tangier*, and the reſt of her Majeſties Dowry, which he ſaid was the reaſon that two Ambaſſadors were here at one time, for ſaid he, ſhould the King die, the Queen would be impriſoned and puniſhed, or made a Slave in *England*, and we come not hither (to repeat his own words) *Nos non vimus para enſilar perlos*, to thread Pearl, but to take care of her Safety. *Franciſco de Faria.*

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And this Informant further ſaith, That the Ambaſſador one day asked him if he knew *Dugdale*. To which he answered, That he knew none of the Witneſſes. Then the Ambaſſador ſaid, *Dugdale* is a Rogue, becauſe he would not accept the money that was offered him by a Chambermaid; For if he had taken the money, he might have gon beyond Sea, and might there have lived happy, and been adored, for that our Church will forgive all that repent. The Ambaſſador further added at that time, that *Burgomanero* the *Spaniſh Ambaſſador* was a great Friend of the ſaid *Chambermaids*, and that the ſaid *Burgomanero* would be examined before the Council about that Matter, as he thought.

And this Informant further ſaith, That the Ambaſſador his Maſter, after he came home one night from Court, with great Joy ſaid, *That Villain* Shaftsbury *is put out of the Council, and now we muſt have his Blood*; calling this Informant *Dunce* and *Blockhead*, that he ſhould be at *White-Hall* and not hear it before.

And this Informant further ſaith, That at one other time, diſcourſing of Mr. *Coleman* that was Executed, he ſaid, *If ever any Man was Guilty that died*, Coleman *was, and therefore could not ever be Canonized for a Saint becauſe of the Guilt, but he might be Abſolved.*

And this Informant further ſaith, That at the time when the Duke of *Mounmouths* Cook accuſed Segnior *Antonio Farnandez*, belonging to the Queens Confeſſor, for ſomwhat ſaid by him or to him about the four Ruffians at *Windſor*, after he had given directions to one of the *Harbingers* to provide Lodging for four *Iriſh* Gentlemen, for which as this Informant beleives the ſaid *Antonio Fernandez* was impriſoned in *Newgate*, and to be tryed at *Weſtminſter* before the

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Lord Chief Juſtice *Scroggs*, as this Informant heard, but he being out upon Bayl, he came to wait upon the Ambaſſador, who ask him whether or no he had ſpoken to any of the four *Iriſh* Gentlemen at *Windſor*, who replyed, yes, he had to one of them, but he was ſure the Rogue, the Cook that had accuſed him, could not hear him direct the ſaid Perſon to ſee him at Night, to which the Ambaſſador preſently replyed, *Segnior Fernandez*, you ſhall not be Canoniz'd or ſuffer Martordom this bout, for we have taken care that nothing ſhall appear againſt you, which proved true, the Ambaſſador giving this Informant a *Guiney* that day he was to be tryed, and he did attend at *Weſtminiſter* and there ſaw him in Court, and nothing did appear againſt him: and this Informant further ſayeth, that Dr. *Mendez* beforementioned, was once in the abſence of this Informant Interpreter betwixt the ſaid Ambaſſador and the Lady *Abergavenny*, and that the ſaid Dr. *Mendez* about a Month after the ſaid *Ambaſſador* was gone for *Portugal*, was paſſing in his Coach by the Shop of one Mr. *Phillips* on *Ludgate-Hill*, where the ſaid *Dr. Mendez* eſpying this Informant, he took him into his Coach, and as they rode together, this Informant complained that the *Ambaſſador* was not ſo kind to him at his departure as he expected, adding, that he knew enough againſt the ſaid *Ambaſſador*, to ruine him, and ſhould he diſcover it, would hurt many in *England*, and the *Dr.* made anſwer, I hope you will be more honeſt than to diſcover any thing, and this Informant believes, that if the ſaid *Dr. Mendez* were Examined he would own the ſame.

This Informant further ſayeth, that before the ſaid *Ambaſſador* went out of *England*, he this Informant having much trouble upon his Spirits ariſing from the Knowledge of the things he hath now diſcovered, to eaſe his Mind, did write down the Heads of the ſame in *Portugueſe* upon a Piece of Paper, and delivered the ſame to his Mother to lay up carefully for him, and more eſpe-

cially what related to the Design against the *Earl* of *Shaftbury*, *Dr. Oats*, *and Mr. Bedlow* and a Country Justice, which Paper was Svvorn unto in the House of *Peers* on *Fryday* the 19*th*, of *November*, 1680.

Sworn by Order of the Lords Committees for Examinations, &c. the 10th. of December, 1680. *before me*

Edmund Warcupp, *Esq;*

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The following INFORMATION *was delivered in the* Spaniſh *Language, fairly written by Mr.* John Faria *my Father, to his Majeſty and the Lords,* Spiritual *and* Temporal *in Parliament Aſſembled, who were pleaſed to Command Mr.* William Blathwaite *to Tranſlate the ſame into* Engliſh, *which was done, and the ſame Sworn unto in the Lords Houſe, his Majeſty preſent, upon the* 19th. *Day of* Nov. 1680.

THIS Informant ſayeth, that at the firſt Arrival of *Gaſper de Abrew de Freitas*, the laſt Ambaſſador in Ordinary from *Portugal*, at the Court of *England*, this Informant went to viſit him, as having had an old Acquaintance with the ſaid Ambaſſador, at the time when he was here before, in the Quality of Envoy extraordinary to his Maejeſty of *Great Brittain* (whom God preſerve) And the ſaid Ambaſſador asking the Informant about his Son *Franciſco de Faria*, whom he had a mind to make his Secretary of Languages, as being skilled in the *Engliſh*, *French*, and *Portugeze* Languages; whereupon this Informant carryed his ſaid Son to the Ambaſſadors Houſe, and left him there to be his Interpreter, and this Informant continuing often to viſit the Ambaſſador, who uſed to complain much in his Diſcourſe of the great Perſecution, which he ſaid, the *Roman Catholicks* lay under in the Kingdom of *England*, and that all was occaſioned by Mr. *Oats* and *Bedlow*, who were baſe Rogues and Villains, and that for their having cauſed ſo great Miſchiefs, they deſerved to be killed, ſwearing by God, that he would take care

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to have them killed; and this Informant hearing the Ambaſſador uſe at ſeveral times this Sort of Diſcourſe, this Informant told him (as he uſed to be very free with the *Ambaſſador*) That his *Ambaſſy* in *England* was about the affair of the Kingdom of *Portugal*, and that he needed not trouble himſelf with any Body elſe, and that he ſhould let the King of *Englands* Subjects live in Peace, to which the ſaid *Ambaſſador* replyed, that for thoſe great Miſchiefs thoſe Raſcals had brought upon the *Roman Catholicks*, they deſerved to be killed. And this Informant further ſayeth, that a Month or five Weeks before the ſaid *Ambaſſador* took leave of his Majeſty of *Great Brittan*, upon his Return to *Portugal*, the aforeſaid *Franciſco de Faria* brought to the Houſe of this Informant ſome Papers belonging to his ſaid Son, that this Informant might keep them for him, and amongſt the reſt there was one which the Informant ſaw written with the Hand of the ſaid *Franciſco de Faria*, wherein were ſeveral Memorandums written in the *Portugueſe* Tongue, with the Names of *Engliſh* Perſons as may be ſeen by the ſaid Paper, which the ſaid *Franciſco de Faria* took away afterwards out of the Houſe of the ſaid Informant. And this Informant further ſayeth, that at that time when the Book made by Mr. *Oats* was publiſhed in *French*, being a Narrative of the Plot, the ſaid *Ambaſſador* ſent to buy one of them, which the Informant tranſlated and read out of the *French* into *Portugueſe* unto the *Ambaſſador*, who then ſpake verily angerly of Mr. *Oats*, and ſayed that the Jeſuits that had ſuffered died as Martyrs; whereunto this Informant replyed, that if they were ſo Zealous of their Religion, it had been better for them to have exerciſed it in *Flanders* and in other Parts, ſince they well knew, that if they were found in *England*, they were to be puniſhed with Death, by the Laws of the Kingdom; and the *Ambaſſador* did alſo ſay that *Coleman* had ſuffered only

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for endeavouring to bring the *Roman Catholick* Religion again into *England*; and the Informant also sayeth, that the Paper annexed to which he has put his Hand is the same Paper of Memorandums before mentioned, which the said *Francisco de Faria* brought to the House of this Informant.

SIGNED

John de Faria

Translated out of Portuguese.

TO take care to Kill Oates.

To Kill Bedlow.

To take care to Kill Lord Shaftsbury.

To take care to Kill the Justice of Peace that lives in the Country.

A Complement to the Queens Doctor.

A Complement to the Lord Scroggs.

The Letter that I was to send to Flanders by a man.

About Friar Paulino, the Letter he wrote and ſent to Portugal.

About Madam Abergavenny and what ſhe ſaid to the Ambaſſador.

The Porter of Summerſet-Houſe.

To take care to Kill Oats and Bedlow.

To take care to Kill Lord Shaftsbury.

Madam Abergavenny what ſhe ſaid.

The following INFORMATION *being Sworn unto at the ſame time, and the Matter therein contained relating to part of my* Information *in Page 29, I have with leave Inſerted it at the End of this my* Information. December 15th. 1680.

Franciſco de Faria

I *Thomas Buſs* of the Pariſh of St. *Margerets Weſtminiſter*, Cook and Servant to his Majeſty, in the Office of a Cook in his own Kitchin, as third Cook, called by the Name of *Groom of the Kitchin*, and being Maſter-Cook to their Graces the Duke and Dutcheſs of *Monmouth*, and in the Year of our Lord Chriſt 1678, when his Majeſty was then, in the Month of *September*, at *Windſor*, I the ſaid *Thomas Buſs*, then waiting on their Graces, as aboveſaid, was on the 13*th.* or 14*th.* of *September*, being on a *Fryday*, about ſeven of the Clock in the Morning to buy in ſuch Proviſions as was needful for his Graces Family, his Grace being then returned from the Battle of *Montz*, I by chance eſpyed Four of my Acquaintance talking together, *viz.* three *Portugals*, and one of them an *Engliſh Man*, and I having not ſeen the *Engliſh Man* of three or four Years before, then Saluted him by the Name of Father *Hankinſon*, not knowing his Chriſtian Name, in theſe Words of Father *Hankinſon*, May I ſay by or to you, as God Almighty ſayd to the Devil, *Whence came you?* or how ſhall I ſay to you? for he and I being acquainted ever ſince her Majeſties firſt Arrival into *England* at *Portſmouth*, he the ſaid *Hankinſon* made me no other Anſwer, but, *You will never*

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leave your Old Drelling, but I having him by the Hand all this while, ſaid, Well then come prethee from whence came you indeed? *Why I came from Italy*, and then two of the three *Portugals* left him, and one *Portugal* with me, and did ask him (he ſaying he came from *Italy*) if he had brought over any *Bulls* or *Pardons* from *his Holineſs* the *Pope*, whereunto he did reply, *You will never leave your drolling*; and I did ask him when he arrived at the City of *London*, and then the other *Portugal* named *Segnior Anthonio Fernandez* turned from our Company over to the Fiſhermen that ſate in the Market, which was not above a yard and a half diſtance from the place where we two then ſtood ſtill talking, (their Majeſties both being then at the Caſtle of *Windſor*) I there ask't the ſaid Father *Hankſon* if he did arrive at *Windſor* on the ſaid *Wedenſday* Night, or no, and he told me *No, his Horſe did tire, and it was late, ſo he ſtayed in Town all Night, and came for* Windſor *on* Thurſday *the* 13th. *about four or five of the Clock in the* Afternoon. Then I did ask of him, if he and I and three or four more of his old Acquaintance ſhould not drink together before his Departure, for he was then in a travelling Poſture? He told me *by no means, for he was in great haſt, for he was going about ten or twelve Miles to a Lords Houſe*, naming the Lords Name to me, but truly I did forget his Lords Name, but he told me *If he could diſpatch betimes, to get to* Windſor *by four or five of the Clock in the Afternoon, then his other Acquaintances and I ſhould Drink together*, and then the ſaid Father *Hankiſon* called over to the aforeſaid *Segnior Antonio Fernandez* the *Portugal* aloud, and prayed him for Gods Sake to have a care of thoſe four worthy Gentlemen the Strangers, and then I hearing him tell me that he came from *Italy*, (thinking they might be four of the Gentlemen of *Italy*, come over to ſee the Court of *England*) ask't him, what theſe Gentlemen were? and he told me they were *four Iriſh Gentlemen*, and called to the afore mentioned *Segnior*

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Antonio Fernandez, saying aloud as he did before, *Segnior Antonio, Segnior Antonio, for Gods Sake have a great care of those four Gentlemen, worthy Gentlemen, the* Irish Men, *for they will do our Business in the Grace of God*; and the said *Segnior Antonio* answered, *And Grace of God I will have a great Care of them, in the Grace of God fear nothing.* And so he the said Father *Hankison*, being about to be gone, well said I to him, if I shall see you no more, pray when do you leave *England*? *Tomorrow.* And then said I, whether then? *For Paris, and then for Italy again.* And then I bid him remember me to *his Holiness* the *Pope*, at which he did laugh, and told me, *you will never leave your Drolling*, and so we parted, and have not seen each other never since, nor thinking nothing of it more, till I reading *Coleman's* Papers, wherein I heard the Names of four *Irish Ruffians* named, should kill his Majesty, and I being his said Sworn Servant and bound by my Oath as his Majesties Servant, not to hear any Secret or publick Mischief, nor Treason against his most Sacred Majesty, but the same to reveal to some of his Majesties Officers, the which I did by Name to Sir *Steven Fox*, and he did order me to acquaint the Committee of Secrecy with it, and likewise I did acquaint Mr. *Vernon*, as Secretary and Steward to their Graces, the Duke and Dutchess of *Monmouth*, and my Superior Officer in their Family, and he liked it very well, and told me he would inform some of the Committee of Secrecy of it, and so he did, and I went before them at *Serjeants Inn* in *Fleet-Street*, and they did like the Information very well, for then they did want some to second Dr. *Oats's* Depositions, and at the Tryal of Councellor *Langhorn*, I was fetched by the under-Sheriff from dressing their Graces Dinner, to give Evidence against the said Prisoner at the Bar, the which Evidence was after Oath taken, highly approved on there, and this aforenamed *Segnior Antonio Fernandez* sent for to the Court at the *Old-Baily*, by the Under-Sheriff with

to the Earl of *Offory*, to Speak to their Majesties, that the said *Segnior Antonio Fernandez* might be brought before the Court at the *Old-Bayly*, and he being brought before the Court, the Court ordered Sir *George Jefferys*, to take his Defence for himself, he making so weak a one, he then being the Recorder of *London*, sent the said *Antonio* by and with the Keepers to *Newgate* for the Matter of High Treason against his Majesty, where he lay till the end of the next Term, and then was Bailed out, and I was bound by Sir *George Jefferys* to prosecute, and did Appear, on Summons from *Windsor* at Sir *George Wakemans* Tryal, and never was once so much as called, nor a great many more, near seventeen or eighteen, and when the Court of Justice did rise, I asked Dr. *Oats* whether he or the Court had any other Business with me, and he told me no, so I returned to *Windsor* the same Night, and never heard more of it till this Sessions of Parliament. *Thomas Buss*

Sworn by Order of the Lords Committees for Examinations &c. the 10th. of December 1680, before me.

Edmund Warcupp. *Esqu;*

And now Reader give me leave to admire the Providence of God, that I *Francisco de Faria* should be brought from almost the utmost Parts of the far distant habitable World to be an Instrument here in *England* to detect, or at least more convincingly to prove the truth of those Horrid Treasons and Conspiracies, that have been for so long time as wickedly denyed, as impiously perpetrated; but I am answered, when I consider that the Judgements of God are *Unsearchable*, and that there is no *Craft* or *Subtilty* of Man, can hide or conceale those Impieties, and foul Conspiracies which God will bring to Light.

Francisco de Faria.

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